

## Coffman Statement on Libya Resolution

**(WASHINGTON)** - U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) released the following statement today after voting in favor of H.Res. 292, a measure that admonishes President Obama for not seeking congressional approval under the War Powers Act to use military forces in Libya. The resolution also prevents the use of U.S. military ground forces in Libya:

“I voted today to require the President to finally provide full justification to Congress for his decision to take military action in Libya. This was also the second time I’ve voted this year to prevent the use of any U.S. military ground forces in that country, the first being during the consideration of the annual defense bill last month. I think we need to curb the ability of the Executive Branch to launch our military on regime change and nation-building campaigns without the consent of the American people.

“President Obama failed to meet his constitutional requirement to request the support of Congress before he committed our forces to military operations. Although the flagrant human rights abuses perpetrated by the Qadhafi regime are detestable, I believe the decision to open a third combat theater should have been fully debated and voted on by Congress. The actions of the Libyan government did not pose an imminent threat to the United States.”

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